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New York District

## **FREEPORT CREEK, NY**

### **Ecosystem Restoration**

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#### **FACT SHEET**

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Freeport waterways support a large regionally important commercial and recreational boating fleet. Channel restrictions are particularly severe along the Hudson Canal and Freeport Creek. A major concern that must be considered is the method of disposal of any dredged materials as old industries in the village may have contributed to a contaminated sediment problem, which continues to affect the environmental quality of the area

Because of the heavy development and bulkheading of shorelines, restoration of the remaining wetland areas within the village is important. Similarly the long history of navigation uses have likely disturbed much of the bay bottom habitat and contributed to local contaminant problems in the sediment

In addition, Freeport, like most of Long Island's south shore, is low in ground elevation and hundreds of structures are subject to severe flooding from the threats of hurricanes and northeasters. FEMA has already partnered with the Village to elevate 23 structures with 10 more expected to benefited within a year.

**AUTHORIZATION:** The study is authorized by a resolution of the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Resolution Docket 2641, dated June 21, 2000.

**STATUS:** The Section 905(b) (WRDA 96) Reconnaissance Phase Study was initiated in March 2001 and approved October 2001 for flood control and environmental restoration and certified January 2002 for flood control. No further study for navigation improvements was recommended in view of the high cost of dredged material disposal, making navigation improvements economically unfeasible. Although environmental restoration was recommended, the District was not certified to begin the feasibility phase studies due to a lack of a study cost sharing. NYSDEC indicated in a letter dated 15 November 2001, that they would support a flood control study. A Project Management Plan (PMP) is currently being prepared and negotiated with NYSDEC. Since State and local funding are not currently available the initiation of the feasibility phase effort is not expected in FY 2003.

**STUDY COST: [Reconnaissance Report complete: Program for feasibility study being developed]**

Estimated Federal Cost	\$ 100,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$ 0
Total	\$ 100,000

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